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Centennial Celebration Opening Ceremony

STATE PARKS MARKS BIG BASIN'S BIRTHDAY

BOULDER CREEK, Santa Cruz County – California State Parks on Friday will kick off the final weekend of the 100-day centennial celebration for California's oldest state park, Big Basin Redwood State Park in the Santa Cruz Mountains. Big Basin Redwoods State Park became a state park 100 years ago this coming weekend.

State Parks celebrated the Big Basin centennial with a 100-day celebration beginning in June. This final weekend the centennial festival will feature history and ecology attractions, two stages of music with 18 bands, nature-inspired art work and local food and drink.

Friday's opening ceremony is sponsored by the California State Parks Foundation with state and elected officials who will honor the park with resolutions from Governor Gray Davis, the U.S. Senate, the California Legislature, and the counties of Santa Cruz and Santa Clara.

WHAT: Big Basin centennial festival opening ceremony.

WHERE: Campfire center, Big Basin Redwoods State Park, 23 miles north of Santa Cruz via highways 9 and 236.

WHEN: Friday, Sept. 13, 2002, 11:30 a.m.

WHO: State Parks Director Ruth Coleman, State Parks Foundation President Susan Smartt, State Sen. Bruce McPherson, State Assemblyman Fred Keeley, Santa Cruz County Supervisor Jeff Almquist, Santa Cruz Mayor Christopher Krohn and other dignitaries.

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